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The wording of the announcement of the work whose weight in worth must measure up to the mighty score of sacrifice, bloodshed and suffering that this war has piled up against humanity's credit was as brief as it was simple. Typewritten under the heading, "Draft of Resolutions for a League of Nations," it was followed by a short text:

The Conference," it read, "having considered the proposals for the creation of a League of Nations, resolved that:

(a) It is essential to the maintenance of the world settlement, which the Associated Nations are now met to establish, that a League of Nations be created to promote international cooperation to ensure the fulfillment of accepted international obligations, and to provide safeguards against war.

#### Permanent Secretariat Established

Perhaps the most important fact, according to the diplomatists who have studied the announcement, is the establishment of the permanent secretariat, which will always be in session, like a foreign office. Here one disgruntled nation can present its claim or complaint against another and hear it read by all the world, while the accused will be forced to answer, either affirmatively, negatively or with some amendatory counter-statement.

If agreement cannot be reached alone,

secret or sudden encroachment of rights, no impossible demands, no affront to national pride—in other words, no excuse for war and no opportunity for it.

How far the League will go in adjusting those problems, such as, for instance, military service, labor, contactous disease and other questions that have hitherto been matters for domestic settlement, it cannot be stated, but it is believed that at least some will be threshed out with the purpose of a wider justice and a broader benefit, reflecting the wishes of people and not of government alone.

#### German Colonies Discussed

the delegates have completed their

## SICKNESS IN FAMILY DISCHARGE GROUND

#### A.E.F. Men May Ask Furloughs Also to Relieve Distress at Home

Any soldier of the A.E.F. who entered the service after April 2, 1917, may submit an application for his return to the United States and immediate discharge there, in case there is sickness or other distress in his immediate family that would be re-lieved by his return. This is the substance of a section of G.O. 13, G.H.Q., which also provides that furloughs to the States may be granted men who enlisted prior to April 1, 1917, under conditions similar to the ones stated above.

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Applications under the above stipulations are to be forwarded to the Commanding General, S.O.S., by S.O.S. troops, and to G.H.Q. by those not under jurisdiction of the C.G. S.O.S.

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The same general order provides that a soldier now may also apply to G.H.Q. for discharge in Europe, submitting in a statement this information: Whether or not he entered the service in Europe; present home; whether he intends to make his home in Europe, and, if so, where: any other facts that would warrant discharge in Europe; proof that the applicant, if discharged, would not in the ficture become a nurden on the American er another government; a statement that the applicant, the discharge is granted, walves any laim upon the United States. if the discharge is granted, waives an claim upon the United States for sea travback to the States.

## MANY EX-FARMERS ON TUBERCULOSIS ROLL

#### Were Men Who Had Had No Contact With Childhood Diseases

Twenty per cent of the soldiers of the who have been returned to the

A.E.F. who have been returned to the United States suffering from positive tuberculosis had been farmers.

Medical belief that a great majority of all persons, possibly 75 to 90 per cent, have tubercular lesions, indicating they had suf-

tubercular lesions, indicating they had suffered from inciplent tuberculosis which their bodily resistance had overcome, has been surprised by findings of autopsies on bodies of thousands of soldiers dying of various causes, wounds as well as disease. Only about 25 per cent of the bodies examined showed signs of tuberculosis. Two thousand soldiers were returned to the United States as tubercular. Early last year it was reported that 50 per cent of the soldiers returned to the States as suffering from tuberculosis failed to show positive evidence of that disease later. The above facts stand out in a builtein issued by the Chief Surgeon's Office, which says early fears of extensive development of tuberculosis in the A.E.F. were not justified. Enlistment examinations had caused the rejection of 11,000 men per millon, the report says.

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(b) This League should be treated as an integral part of the general treaty of peace, and should be open to every civilized nation which can be relied on to promote its objects.

(c) The members of the League should periodically meet in international conference, and should have a permanent organization and secretariat to carry on the business of the League in the intervals between the Conferences.

"The Conference therefore appoints a ommittee representative of the Associated lovernments to work out the details of the onstitution and functions of the League."

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| Artillery                  | 129       | 3.174            |
| Casuals                    | 1.010     | 10.134           |
| Headquarters               |           | 220              |
| Infantry                   | 194       | 10.311           |
| Machine Gun                |           | 484              |
| Medical                    |           | 43               |
| Motor Transportation Corps | ĩ         | • •              |
| Ordnance                   |           | 229              |
| Total                      | 3.471     | 25 394           |
| Previously reported        | 12.731    | 180,163          |
| Grand totals               | 14,202    | 206,163          |
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#### 33 TRAINING CAMPS NOW DEMOBILIZATION CENTERS

Thirty-three former training camps and cantonments in the States have been lesignated as demobilization centers for returning A.E.F. troops, according to information received from Washington and announced this week at Hq., S.O.S. Returning divisions, and other units, will be assigned to one of these camps for the final 'dismissed.'

# O.R.C. COMMISSIONS FOR A.E.F. ASPIRANTS

Candidates Will Continue in Service as Enlisted Men. However

Sam Browne, so mournfully laid away by the many candidates in A.E.F. training schools, will ever be brought to life in this war, G.H.Q. has issued, in the form of circular, a hopeful promise to these aspir ants to shoulder bars as well as to soldiers who have "demonstrated fitness or gallantm in action" that they are assured of a Reserve Corps commission.
Enlisted men, the letter states, will con-

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tinue in the service as such and hold their Reserve commissions.

There is no minimum age limit, but a maximum of 32 years is named for second lieutenants, 35 for first lieutenants, 40 for captains, and 46 for majors in all branches except the Judge Advocate General's Department, Quartermaster Corps, Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, Engineers, Ordanace, Air Service and Signal Corps, where no limit is stated. None but citizens of the United States are eligible.

## Rigid Physical Examination

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Explaining the unusual proportion of farmers developing tuberculosis in France, the bulletin says that these were the men in the cantomments and camps who gave evidence that they had not come in contact with measies and other childhood diseases.

#### NO MORE FULL SETS

Numerous requests for complete sets of back numbers of THE STARS AND STRIPES have been received in this office. THE STARS AND STRIPES is unable to fill any more such orders, the supply of back issues having been practically exhausted. Only a few copies of scattered dates are available. As previously announced, members of the A.E.F. are advised that no further subscriptions to THE STARS AND STRIPES will be solicited or accepted. The sale of this paper now is on a cash basis only and the sales are handled by duly authorized agents. It has been brought to the attention of this paper that persons in the uniform of the A.E.F., who are not authorized to represent THE STARS AND STRIPES, recently have obtained money under various false pre-tenses, in some cases posing as agents empowered to solicit and collect for subscriptions.

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#### SHARP SEA EYES NOT FOR U-BOATS

Transport Cootie Drill Is No Stag Affair, Either

Cooties who had been living in the lap of luxury during the A.E.F.'s fighting more lately to emigrate to the United States by slipping through the bathing and delousing shock troops which the Army has set upon them from the Rhine to the embarkation ports, aren't going to have any chance.

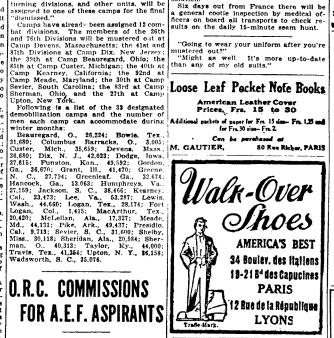
The cootie drill is going to be as much a part of the returning Army's shipboard routine as the life-boat drill. Every

sang plank is hauled in Medical officers will make a personal inspection of every man. Nits will be hunted up and down the body—the hair, being the favorite hiding place, will be searched particularly. Soldiers with headlice will have their hair cropped with a clipper and then bathed in anti-cootle soup.

Men civilian passengers on transports will have to observe the same rules as soldiers and will be liable to the hair cutting and all. Women passengers will have to examine their own clothing, and they could be supported by the same rules as all will have to examine their own clothing, and they could be supported by the same rules as all will have to examine their own clothing, and they could be supported by the same rules as all we will have to examine their own clothing, and they could be supported by the same rules as all we will have to examine their own clothing, and they



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## MARINES, AFLOAT-ONCE MORE, MAN FLEET ON RHINE

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which the Germans are exceedingly out The Preussen carries a criew of six Germans and 29 American enlisted men and officers, and she packs six machines gun plus two 37m, guns in svent of any excitement along the bank somewhere. Next in size is the Moesi, the supply boat for the patrol stations along the river She also packs a few machine guns, and like the Preussen, can carry a sufficient atrong body of men to cope with any disturbances ashore. She can be utilized, too carry provisions to the troops stationed along the river, and was nearly pressed into this service recently when the rising waters almost cut Cochem off from railread communications.

#### Controls River Traffic

Next comes the Mains, called the regu-lating boat, carrying the official represent-atives of the Inland Interallied Waterways Commission, which controls the traffic on the river, and without whose say no boat not even a rowboat, can be bought, begged or borrowed—and Odin help the bird that rices to steal one. And lastly comes 11 snorting little patro-losats, two operated by steam and the rest

tries to steal one.

And lastly comes 11 snorting little patrol boats, two operated by steam and the rest by gasoline, whose duties are to stick their noses into everybody's business along the river and see that no one is trying to get away with anything at the expense of the Yanks; and a houseboat, so-called, which is really a floating guardhouse for such luckless individuals as run counter to the rules and regulations of the United States Marine Corps.

The limits of the American patrol are from Horchhelm, a short distance up the river from Coblenz, where the French patrols are met, to a little place called Rolandseck, where the British are met, this meeting point including half the neutral zone between these two Armles of Occupation.

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To facilitate the task of patrolling, the over has been divided into zones, each of which is under the supervision of a patroloat, whose duties have been enumerated there are two patrol boat stations, one a sendorf and one at Andernach.

Before a single German boat of any de-

The cargo must be as stated, and if ther s wine where crushed rock ought to be, only other contraband, such as munitions of

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war, these are promptly confiscated, and the ship and crew placed under guard until proper disposition has been made of their cases. A regulating station downstream examines the papers of everything coming up, so that nothing is missed, especially with the nosy little patrol boats cruising about. Capt. Robert H. Shiel. U.S.M.C., is in charge of the Marines who control the vessels.

And that is all, except that all the Yank fighting men in the Third Army have to laugh when they think that since December 21, 1918, the A.E.F. took the Germans' tavorite river from them and won't leg them play with it except on their say-so, and that between the hour after sunset and the hour before sunrise no boat of any kind, shape or fancy can be out on the

#### DOZEN CIGARS PER MONTH

It takes 12 cigars and more than two pounds of candy a month to keep a man going in the A.E.F. in these post-bellum days when the Army is sitting back in its easy chair reflecting on a good job well done. At least the A.E.F. bought 44,000,000 cigars (many of them real Havanas) from the Q.M.C. during November and December—this figure including sales to organizations which resell Q.M.C. cigars to the A.E.F. at cost.

The Army also used a billion cigarettes in December, which is about the monthly average.

Three million pounds of candy were issued in Jonuary to soldiers as part of the ration, and in the same month the A.E.F. bought an additional 4,500,000 pounds of candy from commissary stores.

Estimates just prepared by the Q.M.C. for feeding the Army in France between January and July, 1919, call for 31,761,125 pounds of bacon, 15,186,000 pounds of corned beef, 4,745,255 pounds of cheese, 3,768,500 pounds of spakhetti, and 14,000,000 pounds of Jam, in addition to some other things.

To increase variety, 3,500,000 pounds of

To increase variety, 3,500,000 pounds of raisins have just been bought in Spain, and the same country is to deliver 2,000,000 pounds each of dates and figs.

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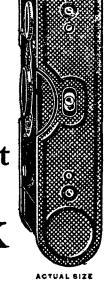
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